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To the Reverend
Mr Jose at Pattern
Wells.

Middle Temple
9. May 1723.

Reverd Sr

At Mr Hoare's desire I herewith send a Copy of Mr
Basket's Patent, which I procur'd for the use of the Society, and also
a Copy of the printed Case between Mr Basket Plaintiff & Mr Parsons
Defendt which is borrow'd of a friend upon promise to return
it at demand, I must therefore entreat your Care of both of them
that they be return'd by a safe Conveyance with other Papers and
Bills you had formerly as soon as you can spare them, because
the Society can do nothing without them, and they hope by your and your Friend's
means to be put in a way to redress what is complain'd of.

You desire a Copy of Mr Basket's case of the University
of Oxford, and the Agreemt of the Stationers with the University
of Cambridge, but those things are private between themselves,
and cannot be obtain'd of either of the parties concern'd without
Discovering the use that is to be made of them, and then you will
be sure to be refus'd. What I have been able to learn of the latter
Contract was by the Master of the Temple who had been Vice
Chancellor, and therefore had seen the Quot of it in their Books viz
That the Contract will expire next Xtmas come 3. year, and the
Stationers pay to the Cost of this Remembrance 210. £ p annum
Now 'tis very odd that they should pay such a price for the Privilege
of the University, and yet in all the time that the Contract has
subsisted not Print one Bible, the Inference from which I make
is, that the Stationers and Mr Basket go hand in hand, and they
are Sharers in his profit. ‖ The Memorial I sent to you is a
Rough Draught only, and will admit of many Improvemt but the
Consideration of 8. ℔ Cent Dividend, I doubt must rather be increas'd than
diminish'd in regard of Accidents by Fire, Treachery of Servants
&c. which may one time or other, beside the constant charge of Repairs

make

make a deep Impression on the Principal; You will therefore find Gentlemen sooner disposd to lend Money at 4 ℔ Cent. where the Principal is certain, than at 8. where it is uncertain. Nor would I suppose any Body to give the principal, because it would be a Charity too great to be expected of any but a Prince; even in which Case and where will You find Supervisors of Integrity to manage it, that may not in time devour it all, as effectually as the Chamber of London has the Orphans Money? But Adventurers will always be Inspectors for their own Interest, and if you cramp that Interest too much, you'l cramp the Diligence of their Inspection, and cannot with Assurance ask any Friend to become Adventurers where the Chances of Profit and Loss are so unequal. What therefore is wished is, that if the Project in the Memorial be put in Practice, it be put on such Wheels as to go for ever, or till Posterity find out some better Expedient. // I don't find that either of the Universities have Patents for their Privileges in this Matter but claim them in the Gross with other Privileges, which no doubt as you observe, is indulg'd to them that they may be a Check upon others to prevent a Monopoly, but how mistaken were our Forefathers in placing that Trust which is now farmd out to the highest Bidders. Dr Snape the present Vice Chancellor of Camb. therefore tells me he looks upon their Contract with the Stationers as a Breach of Trust, and when it expires, if he has any Interest or Authority in the University it shall not be renewed. To lay it open to every Printer, as you say it was in Olivers time (which I question) would be an infinite prejudice to the Bible, for then you would have Bibles in all Shapes put upon you, cramb'd as full of Faults as those printed in Holland generaley are, and you would never know when you had a good Bible till you had read it from end to end by some Standard Copy. But if You can contrive to have two or three Shops in England independant of one another in their Management & Profits, that will prevent a Monopoly; Yet even then you would not be secure from Abuses, without some conscientious Directors for the correcting Part. There is a Clause in page 4 of Mr Baskets Patent, which I believe would never be allowed, if it come to a Parliamentary Inquisition or any Court of Equity because it Authorizes him to invade other Peoples Properties: Our Society and their Correspondents abroad are at great Expence for procuring Authentick

Copies

Copies of the Psalter and N. Testam.ts in Arabick to print here, and by Virtue of this Cause they must ask Mr. Baskett Leave to proceed when the Copies arrive, but I believe Mr. Baskett will be wiser than to insist upon it, though he has intimated to our Arab. Printer Mr. Palmer that he could hinder his doing it, without a Consideration for Carrying such a Work from his Press, but the Printer told him he must go to the Society for that Consideration, for he was only paid as a Servant for his Labour.

A Toleration of Bibles &c. to be freely imported from Ireland and Scotland would certainly restrain many of those Abuses now put upon the Publick, but it is to no purpose to ask or hope for that till the high Duties on Paper are taken off, nor can it be expected that the Paper used in printing Bibles should be exempted from Duty, because no Security can be contrivd for the Government ag.t Perjury and Bribery that they shall not be cheated of many thousand Reams of Paper under that pretence. The Duties in D.r Allix's time were so low, it was not a Temptation to cheat the Govern.t for such a Trifle, and if it may be the Paper he imported was in 2. or 3. great Parcels, so that it was not practicable for any Cheats to lay a Scheme in which they might not be detected; but the Case is quite otherwise now, the Duties are high, and the Quantities wanted very considerable, if you include Psalters, New Test.am.ts and Common Prayers with the Bible. Mr. Thomas is a Residing Member, and undoubtedly a hearty friend to the Designs of the Society, though he seldom gives his Company, but it would be a tender point to put him upon doing any Harsh Office to Mr. Baskett to whom he may have formerly been under Obligations, though he has left entirely the Business of a Printer for Merchandise.

of w.ch last Article I have been told at 40. thousand are annually sold in this Kingdom.

I thought I had now answer'd both your kind Letters on this Subject, of the 25.th of March, & 13.th of April, but upon casting my Eye on the last, I find you take Notice that the Faults mention'd don't exactly answer the Bible I sent down; You are to consider that the List of Faults came by Post from Dublin, and it cost me 2. or 3. Months to find out a Bible that suited it so exactly as it does, and I even to began to think those Remarks had been made on a Dutch Edition, at which Mr. Baskett would have triumphed if it had been so; But when Mr. Baskett was sent for by the Archbp of Cant.r he saw that

That Bible and the Remarks, he confess'd there was just Cause of Compl.
and promis'd to suppress the Edition, and offer'd to give 50. £ pr Anm.
to such person as his Grace or the Society should recommend to be
joind with his Correctors for the future; but neither his Grace nor the
Society are included to accept of his last offer, for fear it should, instead
of being an effectual Remedy to the Evil complaind of, only transfer
the Blame due to others upon themselves.

You may be sure before any publick Use would have been made
of those Remarks, care should have been taken that the Bible and
Remarks should have agreed. And in 8. or 10. Instances successively
by a Comparison at the Committee of our Society they agreed; but it
must be granted that the faults of the Paper and the Printer don't
extend to all the Copies equally, though the faults of the Letters &
Compositor generally do.

The Price of Bibles at present is the least to be complaind
of, the high Duty on Paper and other things considerd: The last
new Nonp. Bible printed at Oxford, cost Mr. Baskel so much that
he told me he should be a Loser by it, if he had not 2:4. a Copy in
Quires, but it was so ill work'd off by the Carelessness of the Printer,
the Paper and Letter being unexceptionable, that he is obligd in
Modesty to be content with 2 Shill! a Book. And by some means or
other I believe he is a great Loser by his ever undertaking to print
the Bible, Reasons for which I could enumerate if it signify'd
anything. It is time for me now to Assure you that I am

Revd Sr Your most humble Servt
H: C.

To Henry Hoare Esq.r

Sr

Mid. Temple
14. May. 17

I obedience to yr. Commands I here-
=with cover a Copy of my last long Letter to Mr. Fox
I would have abstracted it, but I found I could
not do it and make an intelligible answer to his
the Enquiries he sent. But I have tried to
Letter to me, and enable you & yr. friend to judge of
the

the Contents of his Letter, ~~I have little to add beside~~ that
~~what~~ I told you of a ~~Dutch~~ Printer had offered W.
Bowyer ~~for his Privilege~~ upon every Copy of Bible &
Testt. sell if he would assign ~~to him~~ his Privilege
to him, and that W. B. answerd him that he would be
content with that profit, if such a contract was consistent
with the Safety of his Patent. I am now informd
~~by good hand~~ that to clear some difficulties which
have lately occurd in his Office, he has entered into
Partnership with W. Mount & T. Page Stationers on Tower hill
the Patentees of King's Printer, and that 16. thousand
pound is the Stock laid in for this purpose; whether
this will mend the evils complaind of I leave you
& your friend to judge, and wish such a combination
may not make
complaints hereafter incapable of redress but in Parliament,

~~I am~~ ~~S.~~

or by a counter

~~To be sure the Publick must pay for all the exactions they~~
~~shall think fit to impose, and nothing can restrain them~~
~~effectually~~
~~so well as~~ a counter combination supported by ~~Force~~
~~and~~ Justice & Honour. I am S.

To the Revd
Mr. Wm Jones at
Haverford west
So. Wales

Mid. Temple.
14 May. 1723.

Revd. S. Sr. John Philips this day
the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge
that he had rec'd a Benefaction of 5. pd from you
~~as a Benefaction~~ towds the impression of the New
Testamt & Psalter in Arab. upon which I was order'd
to desire you would accept their thanks ~~of the Society~~ for the same. And may God almighty
reward

reward y^{e} Charity on this occasion. I have
sent at S^{t}. John's desire the Rec^{t} for it or above,
and am glad to acq^{t} yn that the design goes
on as fast as an affair of that nature can. The
Copies they propose to print from are daily expected
from Aleppo, and a new Font of Arabick Types
are now casting for that purpose.

S^{r} John Philipps desires you would accept
his humble Service at y^{e} same time I subscribe
myself Rev^{d} S^{r}.

Mid: Temple
17. May. 1723.

To W^{m} Henry Hoare.

S^{r} The Society being informed that the
enclosed Abstract is very short of what might
be said of W^{m} Colston's Charities to the Publick,
I am desir'd to desire yn would procure from
his Executors wherein it can be in order I suppose to reprint y^{e}
Accounts wherein it is deficient & that they
of them if they
are considerable enough to deserve
a new Edition.
Edition of them, I suppose they will be I am

S^{r}.

To the Rev^{d} M^{r} Watts
of Gr^{t} Gilding Huntingdonsh^{r}.

Middle Temple
30. May S^{r}.

Rev^{d} & Dear Sir,

I should write you a long letter
in answer to your long favour to me if I had time, but then
I must postpone Writing to several other Correspondents who are
content

content with short Letters. I should scarce have given you the trouble of this but you require me to say something by this Post, and forseeing that next Thursday is Ascension Thursday and our Society's Monthly Meeting day, I fear it will not be possible for me to write then. I can only assure you that what you have desir'd will be complyd with, except the Book of Mr Rayford for reasons which I dar say you would approve, if I was to tell you half that was said at our last Committee upon the abuse of Psalmody by Songsters that go about the Country more to shew their own parts than promote the Glory of God.

But if you will be content with plain edifying Psalmody you will have proper Books for that purpose sent to you by the Society from

Revd Sr Your humble Servt

H: Cl

Dr Waterland preaches
next Thursday

The King goes home next Monday if the Wind and Weather favour his Majesty

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Copy of the Letter Sent
along with the Seaman's
Monitor.

London

31. May. 1723.

S^r

By the King's Order I have made an Impression of the Book intituled the Seaman's Monitor to distribute among the Officers & Sailors in His Majesty's Sea Service, and according to the Directions I have received from the Admiralty Office

Offic for the Zuola to be sent to each Ship, I have ~~sent~~ sent herewith the Copies intended for the Ships under Your Command, desiring You would be pleas'd to signify at your Leisure that they are come to Your hands, as a Voucher to be produced if Occasion require, that I have done my Duty.

I am Sr Your most Obedient humble Servt.

J. D.

Please to direct your Answer to me in Bartholomew Close near Wood Smithfield.

N.B. This Letter was sent only to the following Commanders

Honble Capt.n Clinton Command.r of the Colchester
Capt.n Medley — of the Leopard
Capt.n Windham — of the Diamond
Capt.n Morrice — of the Port Mahon
Lying at Ply Bay wth me waiting for ye King's Yacht to join 'em.

To Josiah Burchet Esq.r
Secry to the Rt Hon.ble
the Ld.s Comm.rs of y.e Admiralty

Mid. Temple
1. June. 1723.

S.r I ~~could not get~~ the Books herewith sent are a specimen of those a present from His majesty to y.e Flag Officers, a.l ~~that his majesty~~ ~~that Lord of the Admiralty has~~ are prepared for all the Officers & Seamen in His Majesty's Service. ~~I have~~ tho' they ~~can't~~ cannot come soon enough to y.e hand to be laid before the Ld.s Comm.rs of the Admiralty this day I am desir'd to send a Copy to Sr John Norris because there is not one included for him in the parcel sent on bord the Colchester. ~~that was omitted for the Ninth flagg with Tally's I have~~ those

those for the Comanders & Ships Crews of the to Holland
Ships & Yachts that are to attend his Majesty are
sent on bord, and I shall take leave to wait
on yr. direction how to distribute ye
Rest, being

Sir Yr. most obed.
humble Servt.

To Ralph Thoresby Esq.
near Old Parrs Head by
Dr.s Common, at an Oyl Shop.

Mid. Temple
7. June. 1723.

Dear Sr.

In answr. to yr. enquiries concerning
the Missionaries Labours at Tranquebar.
The Font of Malabarick Types sent from
Europe with wch. the 4. Gospels & Acts of the Apostles
are printed, being
very large & taking up much Paper beside
making the N. Test. too Bulky for use. The Printer
Mr. Christopher Adler a very ingenious
Man made a Font of lesser Types at Tranquebar out
of the Leaden Covers of the Cheshire Cheeses
wch. in several years had been
sent by our Society as presents to ye
Missionaries with these Types they printed the Epistles &c. of
of the N. Test. and to enable them to enlarge
this Font for Catechisms Prayer Books &
other uses the Society have since
sent over several hund. weight of Lead.
The Missionaries have also set up a
Paper Manufacture there, in order to furnish themselves
with Paper of wch. they have made a considerable

~~to lessen the consumption of that~~ ~~which is~~
~~sent to us~~ quantity ~~than could be sent to us~~ by
~~the~~ ~~it~~ ~~friends~~ from Europe. What this Paper
is made of I have not yet learnd but
tho' it be far inferior to that which is sent
from hence, it serves ~~for printing~~ many Uses
in ~~printing~~ & is very strong.

I am sorry I cant present yu with a
Leaf of ~~their~~ English printed at Tranquebar
without spoiling a Book presented to our Society
but I will write for a Book entire for yu,
if yu please to remind me of it about
Christmas next.

I heartily wish yu a good Journey
& shall be glad to hear of yr safe return
to Leeds being S. Yr most ~~obliged~~
humble Sert.

To Wm Sharp
in Brookstreet Brooks Market
Jr

Middle Temple
3. June. 1723.

Presuming this may find you returnd to Town I have
coverd Dr Mangeys Letter about the late Bp. of London's —
Benefaction of Twenty pounds towards the Impression of the New
Testament & Psalter in Arabick.

When Mrs Robinson is acquainted with his Ldps promise of it,
first to his Grace the Arch Bp of Canterbury, then to me in his house at
Westminster, that he would send some Body with the Money to my
Chambers, after that his Ldps Direction to you to pay the Money
some Months before he dyed, and by what Accident it was delayd

till his Death, I doubt not, but her Ladyship will be satisfyd that it was his Lordsps Resolution to apply ~~twenty~~ twenty pounds to this Charitable purpose, and that of her own Goodness She will be disposd to order the same to be paid to Mr. Hoare in Fleetstreet, or any other of the Receivers concernd in promoting this Charity —

Sam Sr. Your most humble Servt
H: Ev.

To the Revend Dr Wotton —
Wooburnbuckr. Middle Temple —
4 June 1723 —

Revd Sr

In the multitude of Council there is safety, and therfore our Society would be glad to have your Opinion of the New arabick Letter of which I sent the Alphabet, before it is cast off: they will suffer some little Alteration ere they are cast by Mr. Negri Directions & Polyglott Types
~~but the Matrices~~ have also put in Impression of the New Font of Pica Types but the new Types after the Model of the Letter used in printing Bodens Work, is made to express a greater Variety —

We daily expect the Copy of the Psalter from Aleppo when we shall begin to compose and Copy before that can be worked off we hope to receive the New Testament.
Pray which Caracter would you advise the Society to print the Psalter in, That of the Polyglott or the Pica Types?

Mr Negri will not take ill any Faults wch. you may be Cause to correct in either of the Specimens herewith sent And it will be a Satisfaction that you approve of the Letters made by Mr. Negris Advice.

To the Revd Dr Rye at Islipwar 10
Oxford.

Rev.d S.r

Middle Temple 8th June 1723

In answer to your Letter of the 10th of last Month I have desired Mr Eastmead to let me have a Lre from him signifying his resolution about Embracing your offer either at Midsummer or Michas, which is therefore sent on the other side.

I have Chorted him to see all the good Examples he can while he Continues in London, there being something to be learnd from all, tho' they may differ from the Method he has been most used to.

I shall be heartily glad and it will be a particular Satisfaction to the Society that he may answer y.r Expectation as I hope he will being Rev.d S.r

Your most Obliged Serv.t

H: N:

To the Rev.d Dr Waterland
Rect.r of S.t Austin's in
Watlin Street and Mast.r of Magd. Colg.r Cambridge

Rev.d S.r

Middle Temple.
12. June. 1723.

Mr Hoare having given you the Thanks of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for the Sermon you were so kind to preach last Thursday at S.t Sepulchre's, and at the same time desir'd you to favour them with a Copy of it, in Order to be printed; I am now to acquaint you that they have Agreed to have 15. hundred Copies of them printed in 4.to and to desire your Acceptance of 50. Copies, and as many more as you please to send for, to present to your Friends, beside those for the King and the Royal Family.

I receiv'd the Book and Letter herewith sent yesterday from the Rev.d Mr Welchman, to whom if you have any Commands I shall Gladly forward them, being

Rev.d S.r

You most Obedient humble Serv.t

H. N.

To Mr Mark Morel
Merch.t at Calais.

Middle Temple
13. June. 1723.

Sr

I wrote to you the ~~5th~~ 21. of last Month to acquaint you that I have Direccons to send to you some Books for Sr Luke's Chamb.rs Chappel at Paris, and desire to know whether you have had a pass for them before I ship them, that they may not fall into the hands of the Custom House Officers as a parcele did in Sr Rob.t Sutton's time which cost much trouble to get them —

Mr Horne has wrote to me that a pass would be got and sent to you, if you have receiv'd it pray send me a Copy of it and such other Instructions as you may think necessary for — Sr Yours &c. H: N:

To the Rev.d Mr Ward Min.r
~~of~~ Belton in Lincolnsh.
Rev.d Sr

Mid: Temple
17. June. 1723.

~~The Society~~ I receiv'd from the good Bp of Carlile ~~now~~ (now Bp of Rochester) your MS. Sermon entituled [the Thankfull Leper the ~~Sermon~~ preach'd the 25th of April last ~~being~~ the day of Publick Thanksgiving for our Deliverance from y Plague with wch Town was visited; and for putting an End to the Same] wth a recomendation from his L.p to lay the Same before the Society in order to be published if they should approve of it. ~~The~~ The Society in regard to his L.p's recommendation and the ~~worthy~~ Author of it immediately ~~defir'd~~ refer'd it as their Standing Rules direct to be consider'd whether ~~took~~ a Book

or Sermon

on such a subject be wanting or maybe
useful to the designs of the Society: —

And having deliberated thereupon they
apprehend themselves precluded by their Rules
from Publishing it, ~~The occasion of the Discourse~~
~~being past, and considering the transitoriness~~
~~of the occasion~~ it as a Discourse peculiarly
adapted to an Occasion w^ch is short and perhaps
may not return for many years
or it may be never in our Days.

I am therefore order'd ~~in the most respectfull manner~~
to send you the thanks of the
Society for the present you intended for
them, and assure you at the
same time of their great respect, as well as
that I am

Rev.d S.r Y.r most obed.t
humble Serv.t
H. N.

I have return'd the
MSS. Sermon to My L.d
Bp of Rochester.

To My Lord Bp of Rochester
at Westm.r Abbey

17. June 1723

My Lord In obedience to y.r Lordships
commands of the 20.th of last Month I laid
the MSS Sermon herewith returned before the
Society and they have order'd me to signify

signify to the Author their thoughts upon it in the manner of
enclosed a Copy; and I have humbly taken the liberty to cover
it to yr. Lordship for the privilege of a
Frank, and am glad of this
occasion to assure yr. Lordship that no
man can be with greater respect than
I am

My Lord I heartily congratulate yr. L.p on yr. promotion to the See of Rochester & Deanery of Westminr.

My Lord
Yr. most obed. & most humbly devoted Ser.
H. N.

To My L.d Bp of London
in Duke Street.

Mid: Temple.
21. June. 1723.

My Lord I am asham'd to see yr. Lordship till I am able to present you with a List of the Masters & Mistresses obedience to yr. Comands, but having employ'd 3. or 4. Friends in different parts of the Town to furnish me with materials to make it compleat they have not yet made a report to me wch done I shall immediately put them in a disposition to be laid before yr. Lordship.

My Lord The British Journal of Last Saturday has occasion'd the putting together a few Reflections upon it

upon it, which are humbly submitted to Yr.
Lordships approbation & correction, before they are sent to the press;
There is a very material fact mentioned
in it concerning the late Archbp. wch I believe
no body can put in a clearer light than Yr.
Lordship, what I know of it has been only
in transient conversation, and therefore if any
misrepresentation has been made, it is reported
Yr. Lordship will be particular in amending it.
Had I not apprehended it as my Duty to sub=
=mit a matter of this Nature to Yr. Lordships
=sance which considerable a part of yr.
Diocese, which I believe
all the Charity Child.n in Great Britain.
The Society are not acquainted with the
contents of the Letter, tho they very much
resent the unjust reflections of the Journals,
and for some reasons it may be best that it sh.
not be known from whence the enclosed come,
I am with most profound respect
My Lord Yr. most obed.

For Mr. Rowland Sherman Merch.t at Aleppo.

Mid: Temple
21. June. 1723.

Rowland. I was in hopes to have sent you by this opportunity a more perfect Specimen of our new Arabick Letter than what I have enclos'd, but ~~perhaps~~ ~~you may profit by this~~ the indisposition of our ^Founder obliges me to send this or none, and you may perhaps profit by it how ~~the Letters~~ acceptable an impression made from this Letter may be to the Natives of Palestine &c.ª

The Society were induced to make it upon a computation that the Poly=glot Types were so large as to require 2. large 4.to Vol.s for an impression of the N. Test. only, and that much more than the charge of this new font would be save'd in the articles of Paper & binding, beside making the book more portable. ^There are abo.t 150 more double Letters made than are in this Specimen wch I hope to send by the Bearer a print of, if he delay; his

=part

departure for a few days. ‖ ~~At~~ The Society were advis'd to imitate the Letter us'd in printing Avicen's works, how well the Engraver has performd his part you will be judge when you compare them: W. Negri thinks it is a degree less than Avicen, and finds fault with the Initials of Gijm, Hha & Cha &c. as too long which the Founder has promis'd to mend.

I am glad to tell you what I suppose D.r Lisle writes to you particularly of, that the Copy you have been to find as to send over to the Society ~~safely~~ by the Olive Branch is safely arriv'd; So that we may expect very soon to go to work: And you shall have an Accot. of our Progress by all opportunities.

I had like to omit one thing w.h you very prudently recommend in your last, namely the conducting this affair with

Sr. Hans Sloane Dr. Dukes of Cambridge

with as much privacy as possible. As the Expence of it is defrayd by voluntary contri=butions, there was no avoiding the publication of y^e Proposals you have seen to raise the Fund, and as they are scatterd all over the kingdom, it is very possible some Copies of the Proposal may fall into the hands of our Adversaries. What therefore we trust to dispose them is, to accomplish the impression with so much Truth & Beauty as to silence y^m and by taking no notice of the Place in the title Page, they may if they please assume the Glory of having done the work at Rome, provided they will let the Copies be quietly dispersed under such cautions as you and our friends in Palestine shall prescribe.

I beg leave to refer you for rest to D^r Lisle & M^r Soley who I doubt not write largely to you by this opportunity, & remain

Beautifully

1723/4 y^e 14. Jan. S^r the Copy of the N. Test. in folio sent to D^r Lisle is come to hand & has by him been presented to the Society, for which I am ordered to signify their Thanks to you in the most respectfull manner. The Gentleman having just now sent in the Copy to the Printer. He is but

I beg that you would send my Letter now sent to it with the Psalter, which I was in hast sent you a Rough draught of this Letter, which I have kept by me, & to the last Minute of the delay of this Ship, that I might add what ever occurred

1723. Letter by the Duke of Cambridge

To the Revd
Mons.r Gagnier
at Oxford.

Middle Temple
27. June. 1723

Revd Sr

The Copies of the Arab. Psalter wch we have so long waited for from Aleppo is at last come and the Society will now as soon as practicable proceed to the Impression of it: In the mean time I am directed to write to both our Universities, to know what Assistance may be hoped for there, for the Correcting part, besides Mr. Hogrey Mr. Ayres, in case they should resolve to carry on the Impression at either preferably to London, or send proofs to each place before they are wrought off. I presume you can inform me of what can be done at Oxford by your selfe others in this Affair; and what may be the Rate of Sheet for Correcting; if there be any Stated Rule for that, or if not, that you would be pleas'd to give me as much light as may enable me to satisfy the Society, wherein the Expence of correcting may be; And whether you or any Body else can undertake to correct, without a 2.d person to read to you or him; And whether it will not be necessary for each Corrector to have before him, the Aleppo Copy or a Transcript of it to make the proofs exactly conformable to that; for I suppose, that it is to be followed to a tittle, tho' it should happen to differ from the Polyglott.

You will guess by these Enquiries what Information the Society have a mind to have &c.

To Mr. Rob.t Powle
at Wilton Glamorg.

Middle Temple
29. June. 1723.

Dear Sr

I was very much concern'd at reading your Lre of the 17. June, and could not rest till I had talk'd with our Bookseller and Mr Senger upon the Contents of it. And comparing the Accot they gave me with your Instructions of y.e 28. March last and 23. May, I find they exactly agree as to the particulars you desird, and the prices mention'd in the Booksellers Circular Lre. Only I must observe to you that Welch Bibles are not Estimated in the Circular Lre, they being now sold at no certain price but what the Bookseller pleases, by reason of their scarcity. And when they were just printed, the Subscribers Booksellers p.d 4/6 a Bible in Quires, but it is some years since they would not take up with that price.

Mr. Downing our Bookseller in the present case appeals to me, and I must do him the Justice to own, that when the Books were order'd to be bought he sent to me to desire to be excus'd getting of the Welch Bibles, because he could not gett them but at an extravagant price, such as you might think unreasonable: & considering that he as a Bookseller could have them ~~cheaper~~ cheaper than you, and that you had peremptorily desird Welch Bibles; to save time in Geting your further Directions, I sent him word to get them as Cheap as he could, and be content with little or no Profit himself, because they were for a particular friend: He avers to me that he p.d 38. Shill.s besides the Charge of Binding for the

Same

same Article for wch he has charg'd you 39. Shill.s. And though he does not deal in Welch Bibles, yet if you will please to send them back again, they are so much in demand, that he will readily take 'em again, and pay the Carriage back to London —

I blame my self now that I did not ask your further Directions upon this Article, but it was very easy for me to suppose that when my Friend lived in Wales, he must know that a Welch Bible with Marginal Notes, the Apocrypha a Chronological Index &c. could not be had of the same price as a Common English Minion Bible without all those Improvments.

However I am glad the Bookseller is content to take 'em again, and to return you either Money or Books for what they come to —

And whenever there is any Article in an Acct sent to you from the Society, wherein you may think your self injurid, I beg you to take the same freedom of requiring of me to clear it, as you have done now, by which you will oblige Dear Sr

Your most Faithfull
Humble Servt

Henry Newman

I made your Compliment to the Society who return their.

To My Lord Bp of London.

1. July. 1723.

My L.d I sent the Paper on Wednesday last to the Author of the London Journal but whether it did not get time enough for w.ch reason it is was not published I cant tell: perhaps he may think the subject or the manner of treating it unworthy of his Paper.

My L.d Gov.r Phenney's Lady, a very active Woman just now arrived from Providence has sent her Servant to desire me to introduce her to yr. Lordship with a Letter which her Husband has directed to the late Bp of London I have sent her word that I did not know whether yr. Lordship would open a Letter directed to the late Bp unless she could assure me the Contents of it were of a Publick nature, and that I would assure yr Lordship leave to introduce her.

My L.d I am obliged to morrow & Thursday to attend Meetings of our Society, and therefore request if yr. L.dp permit us to wait on you it may be Wednesday afternoon at such hour as you please to appoint by My Lord

Yr. L.dp most

To the Reverend
Mr Goodwin Rect.
of Tankersly. Yorksh.

Middle Temple
11. July. 1723 —

Rev.d Sr

I have been in pain that I could not sooner Answer
Your Letter of the 19. March about Mr. Parks tale now; for when I Read it I
could only tele you that I had put it into the hands of a Friend to recomend it
at the proper time for it, which is but once a year soon after Easter. I have
since called several times at his house to know the Issue of it, but could
never meet with him till last Night, when he told me and I am glad to
Acquaint you with it, that he has obtain'd to have Mr. Parks put upon the
List of Clergy Mens Widows to be relievd Annually as long as she lives.
The present Allowance is four pounds, which Sum she may receive of
the Treasurer of that Corporacon when ever she pleases for this Year,
upon sending up a Certificate from the Minister and Churchwardens of the
Parish where she lives, that she is still Living and remains a Widow.

Mr. Granger my Friend who is one of the Court of Assistants will
receive the Money for her upon shewing such Certificate, and he will
pay it upon demand to her Order here: And for the future She need
only Send such a Certificate once a Year about 14 Days after Easter to
be entitled to such Pension as long as She lives. It may be encreas'd,
~~it may~~ but it will scarce ever be diminish'd, so great is the Succession of
Charity to that Corporacon, notwithstanding as Mr. Granger tells me
there are
700. Widows upon the same List as Mr. Parks is.

Our Society have just now received a Beautiful Copy of the Psalter
in Arabick from Aleppo, and nothing will be Lost to put it into the Press:
The New Testament is to follow by the first Ships from Turkey —

I am

Yours &c.

My most humble Service to
Mr. Wentworth, if he is there in your Neighbourh.
I should have taken the Liberty to have sent
this under his Cover, but I was not sure of his
being in your parts —

To the Reverend.
D.r Snape vice Caryell
of the Univ.ty of Camb.r

Middle Temple
11. July. 1723.

Rev.d Sr

The Society for promoting Christian Knowledge were very much pleas'd when I inform'd them of your care for seconding, to the utmost of your Power, any legale Endeavours for procuring more correct Editions of the Bible for the use of poor Housekeepers and the Ch: Schools.

This matter is still under their Consideration, and as one means to bring it upon a regular Foot, I am directed to procure Copies of the Contracts between the University of Cambridge and the Stationers and the University of Oxford and the King's Printer.

If it be reasonable to request such a favour of you in Relation to Cambridge I do assure you that no use will be made of it, but such as is consistent with the honour and Interest of the University.

I gratefully remember the many agreeable hours I passed in your Conversation at Northumberland, Syon, and Petworth houses, and shall be glad to see a Revival of those pleasures to

Rev.d Sr Honord Sr

Your most Obligd & humble Servt
H: N.

To the Rev.d the L.d Bpp.
of Bristol. Oxford.

Middle Temple.
12. July. 1723.

My Lord,

The Society have still under consideration the Means of obtaining a correct ~~Copy~~ Edition of the Bible for the use of poor Housekeepers and also for the Ch. Sch. And in order to their taking any Resolution ~~therein~~ I am humbly to put your Lordp. in mind of their Request, if it be a

reasonable one to be favoured with the Contract Between the University of Oxford and the King's Printers: For if by that Contract the University have put out of their power to carry on any Impression of the Bible till the Expiration of that Contract, it may be in Vain to hope for any Relief or Petitioning from thence against the Kings Printers, without the Interposition of Parliament

My Lord, I am glad to acquaint Your Lordship that the Society have just now a Plentifull Supply of this Paper in which your Bibles, and put in Expectation of one or more Copies of the Manuscript Book by the next Ships from Aleppo. My Lord the Society are Informed if the Impression of them are carried on at both our Universitys, they will be entitled to Draw Back from the Duty or Paper. If there be a Sufficient Fund for that purpose from your Lordship whether that Priviledge will be allowed, and if not, what is the Extent of it, I am humbly Duty may be resolved. And whether the Society may be permitted to carry their Types and Workmen from Printing from Bibles and to employ them under the Direction of the University of Oxford

I am also ordered by the Society to acquaint your Lordship that they have Received a Letter from Mr Thurlbourn Secretary to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, desiring that the Society would give their Assistance in procuring Bibles and Common Prayer Books for the Use of the Mohawks, and other Indians in Alliance with the English in North America. The Society have thought proper to refer the Consideration of this Matter to your Lordship, and to desire your Lordship to Report to them what you think proper to be done therein.

I am with great Respect

My Lord &c

To the Revd Dr Lisle
Chaplain to his Grace of
Canterbury.

Middle Temple
16 July 1713

Revd Sr

The Committee of the Directors this day
[illegible] about the Impression of the Copies sent
from Oxford came to an Resolution to write you
Advice upon several things relating to it, particularly
your Opinion of Mr Dadichi, whether he may be trusted
with the Correcting part in conjunction with the Dr
Professors and Students of Greek here or no. If you
think he will discharge it well & faithfully
here, but that would then be necessary to have your
Thoughts from your own Mouth. If you can favour
us with your Company this day Sennight in the afternoon
at Mr Sherman's Coffee House, we shall be glad
the more fully

The Committee would also be glad if your Opinion
about printing Dr Gregory's Dr Pococke's in your Hebrew
Letter upon the Pentateuch, with the Samaritan
it to the same standard to this Undertaking to print many things
beside the New Testament and Psalter? And whether the
Patriarch and Mr Sherman will not think necessary
in Transmitting a Copy of these Discourses Sheets by they
should be printed? And by that means engage the whole
to be regarded.

There are several other Difficulties arising
in this Affair which make it difficult to
consist with your own private affairs, to give your
Company sometimes at the Committee like the in attend it

Nota

Let a going in such a Method as may be most likely to Answer the End —

I am Revd Sr.

Your. &c. H + W.

Till you tell me whether I may send a letter to you under Cover to his Grace, I dare not take that Liberty

To My Lord Bp of London.

Wind. Temple
20th. July. 1723.

My Lord

I wish the List that has been so long preparing was at last as perfect as it ought to be before it be presented to yr. Ld.p but the privacy I am oblig'd to use in collecting names and Characters has taken up more time than I expected and occasioned by the many alterations since 7. Years when I made a list but I seem to delay offering it as it is any longer than to be for the satisfaction of such of our Society as shd desire to see it.

I personally know very few of the Masters or Mistresses, but the Characters of those who distinguish themselves very much I have learnd from such as I believe I may rely upon. Those who were infected with the Madness that prevail'd in the Latter End of the late Reign are mark'd with this M. & those of a contrary disposition with this M. those with no mark are of a quiet disposition or such as I could not learn the Characters of.

But I'm glad to tell yr. Ld.p that those of the first sort are very much alter'd in their behaviour to what they were, occasion'd partly by the great ferment in 1716. when some ~~were made Examples~~ by being turn'd out ~~great difficulty~~ and ~~threatned to send them to~~ gaol, and others ~~were not very circumspect~~ if they did not behave partly by the chegue wch the Subscribers who are well affected to the Govt. have upon them.

I have sent Copies of some things wch past in 1716. by which yr. Ld.p will see how narrowly the Schools in the Bills of Mortality then escap'd. And to whose good offices the saving them was chiefly owing. The present Bp of Rochester & others who were then of the Trustees exerted themselves pursuant to the Advice of the Archbp Memorable Letter. And I believe his L.d.p can inform you with what difficulty they ~~that they could not~~ hinder'd some unruly Men of that Body from treating it with contempt, and to be even so rash as to say His Grace had not wrote his own Sentiments, but those of the Society for Prom. Xtian Knowledge, who in all likelihood had ~~and that they~~ extorted such an ~~Hasty admonition from His Grace~~ upon a Supposition that the Society for Prom. Xtian Knowledge had prompted His Grace to write it. ~~in which they said must Lead to opinion~~ But I hope the Spirit which then prevail'd is very much abated, and that ~~it may~~ under yr. Lordships administration it will be quite extinguish'd. I am

My Lord
Yr.

By order of the Society
I cover to yr. L.p an Extract
of Mr. Dean Maule's Ltr.
to me.

Middle Temple.
18. July. 1723.

To Mr. Marc. Morel
Merchant at Calais —

Sr

I have wrote twice to you by the Post to enquire whether you have had any Letter for a chest of Books I have ready to send to S.r Luke Schaub his Majesty's Minister at Paris, but hearing nothing from You, I must conclude they never reach'd Your hands, and therefore now write by Capt.n Knight that I may be assured of this being deliver'd to You, and whether I may safely send the Books by him at his next return to Calais; A Line from You by him in Answer will Oblige

Sr Your most humble Serv.t
H. N.

I understand my L.d Percival was very much pleas'd with the Civilities he receiv'd from you in his Way to Spa.

To the Honoble
S.r Jacob Acheworth,
Comm.r of the ~~Navy~~
in Crutched Fryers —

Middle Temple
18. July. 1723.

Sr

The Books which his Majesty has Order'd to be given to the Seafaring Men in his Service, by ready in the Booksellers hands, to be pack'd up and sent to the several Yards and Ships under the Direction of the Honoble Comm.rs of the Navy; and as soon as I have their or Your Commanders about the Number requir'd for each Yard and Ship, Care shall be taken for the Distribution of them Accordingly —

I am Sr Your most Obedient Hble.
H. N.

To the Revd. Mr. Hower
Chapl.n to S.r Luke Schaub.
at Paris —

Middle Temple
18. July. 1723

Revd Sir

I have had the Books ready to send to Calais along while but I can't get yet a Line from Mr. Morel tho' I have wrote to him twice by the Post, and now by the Yacht that plies between London & Calais. His silence makes me suspect that he is either very indifferent about serving S.r Luke Schaub, or that he intends to play a Trick in this Matter by effectually preventing the Books ever reaching your hands. I am the more confirm'd in this suspicion because I am informd he is a Papist, and that a considerable parcell of Books for the King's Minister at Cambray have lain several Months in his hands, and that he does not want Inclination to hinder their ever going further.

However I endeavourd to prevail with one of our Yacht Masters to take them provided he could bring them back again if he found no Post to prevent their being carried into the Custom House Officers hands; upon which he told me he dard not take 'em without Assurance of a Post, because his Vessel would be liable to Confiscation if there was none. I shewd him your Letter to me of the 23. June and also to Col. Valogne wherein you write very positively that you had obtained and sent a Post to Mr. Morel, sometime last Month, but he said that was not security enough for him to rely on when he consider'd what sort of people he had to deal with, and that a Flaw in the Post might be a pretence to seize the Books if not his Vessel; That an English Vessel going Coastly from London to Hastings in her way called at Calais and was siezed for having a small Quantity of Grocery on Board: And this Master himself had a Caution given him the last Voyage he was at Calais by a Custom House Officer to have a Care what

what be brought thither that was prohibited, for that there was Orders to watch him very narrowly. Pray Sr find out some way more secure and safe if you can: Are there no Probt.ty at Dieppe that you can make Use of, from whence the Carriage would be easier to know; And I don't find but I can as easily send them thither as to Calais taking time for it.

You will excuse my Cautiousness on this Occasion, but having Experienced the Fondness of Sharpers, I would avoid falling into their hands again — I have followed Colon.C Vologne's Advice in packing them, but all that Caution will be of little avail, if any person is in wait to devour the whole

I am Rev.d Sr Your most faithf.l humb.e Serv.t

H.r N.

Could I be favourd with a copy of the Pass it would be found Satisfaction to know whether there is any Any Intention to Trick us in it

Middle Temple 23.d July 1723

To the Rev.d Mr. Nathan. Boughton at Plymouth Devon

Rev.d Sr.

I rec.d your Lre of the 16.th Curr.t with a Copy of the Clause in Mr. Pengelly's Will, which is not so clear, as not to admit of a various construction; our Society are (as I described in my last Letter) Styl'd the Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge, but then they are not incorporated, and therefore the Society for the Propagating the Gospell in Foreign parts, because they are incorporated may think they have the best title to this Legacy. As therefore there may be some doubt about the Construction of the Clause, the Society wo.d be Satisfy'd it belongs to them before they receive it. And in order to Judge rightly of that, I am to

to request you wo.d inform your self from the Trustees that are to pay the 200.d what they know of the Intention of the Testator about the application of his Legacy. whether he meant it sh.d be applyd to the Propagating of the Gospele in the East Indies where as I said in my last the Voluntary Society for promoting Xtian Knowledge are concernd. or whether he intended it for the Propagation of the Gospel in the West Indies where the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts are Limitted by their Charter. and till this is cleard the Money is safe where it is

Some time since a Gent at Exeter left 100.d to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in General Terms the incorporated Society laid claim to it, but the Rev.d Mr. King at Topsham who was one of the Trustees for paying it, being satisfyd it was intended for our Society by what the Testator had declared in his life time, he refusd to pay it to that Society, till it was agreed that 50.d sh.d be paid to them & 50.d to our Society.

How far this Instance may be paralel to the present case you wile best Judge by the Information you may receive and which you are desired to Communicate in as particular a manner as you can to

Rev.d Sr.

Your most hble Servt.

H: N.

Be pleasd in your next to Signify who are the Trustees.

To Sir Thomas Lowther Bar.t at Devonshire House in Picadilly

Middle Temple 24.th July 1723.

Honoured S.r

No man rejoyces more than I do in any felicity that attends you and particularly your late Marriage to my Lady Elizt. Cavendish; Heaven grant you may Enjoy all the Blessings of a Conju-

State, till after many Years, and a vast Number of Virtuous Actions worthy of your Family, in the veiw of a numerous Offspring you and your Noble Consort shall desire to Exchange Earthly for Heavenly Pleasures.

I just now rec.d the Lre herewith sent from our Friend the Marquis Duquene and presuming it is for a good Friend of Yours I have taken the Liberty to cover it for a Frank.

I am Sorry to tell You the Marquis and his Lady begin to be weary of the Climate they are in, the excessive heat proving unhealthy to them: but it is quite otherwise with my L.d Duke of Portland and his Dutchess her Grace who I dont find have been at all indisposed though all their Servt.s in their turn have been Sick.

Pray make my most humble Service and Congratulations acceptable to your Lady, and believe me to be with all possible respect Honoured S.r

your most obliged humble Servt.

H: N:

a Beautifull Copy of the Psalter in arabick is lately come from Aleppo and the Society are taking the proper measures for printing it. a Copy of the New Testam.t is expected by next Ships from Turky.

In my last Letter to the Marq.s I acquainted him that you had been so kind as to go on purpose to see his Children.

To W.m Urthgm at y.e Edgware Tavern.

Mid. Temple
29. July. 1723.

Dear S.r

You will undoubtedly hear of the Case of W.m Brooks an Ol Counsellor at Law who being in very low circumstances is oblig'd to accept of Shelter under the Governors of St. Bartholmew's Hospital. and I give you the trouble of this not only at the desire of some of his friends, but from my own knowledge of him

of him as a pious well disposed Man to recommend him to yr. particular favour & protection. Whether his Case will admit of a cure the Skillfull ~~artists~~ Surgeons of yr. House will soon judge, but if it be not curable they will undoubtedly find means by GOD's Blessing to prolong his life. wch he like a good Man will return by prayers for a ~~Blessing plentifull effusion of the Divine~~ Blessing on all those that have any hand in relieving him. I know the Compassionateness of yr. Temper is such as makes it unnecessary to say more than that he is an object worthy of yr. Charity, and the noble Foundation he is now taking charge in. I am going this day a little way into the Country should in person have waited on you to ask yr. favour to him, being

S.r Yr. most humble Servt.
H. N.

He lodges now at
S.t Dunstan's Coffeehouse
& I hear is going to yr.
Hospital as soon as he can
be admitted.

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To Mr. Homer Secretary
to S.r Luke Schaub Knt.
Min.r of his Britanick Majesty
at Paris.

Middle Temple
2.d August 1723.

Rev.d S.r

I did not till last night receive a Letter from Mr. Morell in Answer to three Letters I had wrote to him, — whose Indisposition it seems prevented his writing; Upon which I have this Morning Shipt the Chest of Books on the Duke of Clarost Sloop Captain Knight Master for Calais and paid him the freight here.

The Contents of the Chest are as mencioned in the Inclos'd Mem.d.m only being obligd to unpack and enlarge the Chest to receive the two last Articles; I am in some doubt about one of the Articles of Books sent by Col.l Dalogue, he having in that time sent for some Books to be returnd & sent others in the Room of them concerning which You may please to be refferd to him.

If they go safe to Your Hands I doubt not your making a good Use of them, and it will be a particular pleasure to the Society to know that they are usefull.

My most humble Service to S.r Luke Schaub, & please to believe that I am

Rev.d Sir.

Your most Hble Serv.t

H: N:

A Catalogue of the Books Sent to his Excellency S.r Luke Schaub His Britanick Majesty's Minister at Paris.

150.	Comon Prayers in French	Presented by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.
50.	Comon Pr: in English.	
3.	Comon Pr: French & English	
9.	D.r Waddington's Propagation Sermon preachd 17.th Feb: 1720/1	Sent by Col.l Dalogue
9.	D.r Wanley's Propagation Sermon preachd 15.th Feb: 1722/3	
11.	Le Combat Chretien	
24.	Mons.r Moly.re	
6.	Oeuvres diverses de Mons.r Rousseau 1.& 2. part.	
6.	Supplement aux Oeuvres de Mons.r Rousseau	

Recommended to the Care of
Mr. Mark Morel Merch.t
at Calais

Shipt on bord the Duke of Clarost Sloop
Capt.n Knight Master for Calais —
2.d august 1723

H: N:

To Governour Phenny
at Providence

Middle Temple 3d Augt
1723.

The Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge being
informed of Your Ladys return to Providence, and that Dr
Bray the Revd Mr of Aldgate was sending some Books by
her for Your acceptance, the Society have at the Drs desire
taken the same opportunity to pray your acceptance of a
Doz.n of A: Bp Wakes excellt Convent on the Catechism to
be distributed and used in Your Governmt as the Dr shall
advise.

I recd yr Lre of the 14th of Sept last & communicated it to
the Society who were very much pleasd to hear of Your having
recd & distributed the Books formerly sent.

The Revd Mr Roelun dyed last April was 12 month in
whom the Protestant Palatines in our Plantacons lost a
very good Friend. I sent yr Lre for him to his Dr the Revd
Mr Ruperti and Mr Martini, who belong to his Majestys German
Chappel at St Jamess.

I heartily wish your Lady a safe return, and doubt not but
Your Governmt will feel the Benefit of many good offices she
has done to it since her arrival in England.

There are several persons of Honour and substance in Ireland
who have projected to go and end their Days at Bermudas
for the sake of the Tranquility and innocent pleasures that
are to be enjoyed there: But your Lady has given such a
pleasing description of the Bahama Islands as may for
ought I know draw them further, if they can be secured from
Invasions by Pirates, Spaniards, or other Enemies of Liberty
and British Properties.

I Congratulate you on the Success of your Governmt
hitherto, may it may long Prosper is the wish of

Honourd Sr

Your most obedt humble Servt

H. N.

To Mr. Jos. Downing
London —

Middle Temple
6. Aug. 1723.

Mr. Downing

I Beg you will keep a particular file of the Lrs I send to you on the Subject of the Seamans Monitor till they are all dispersd: And the Sooner you dispose those for the Ships at home ~~the latter~~ the better, because some will change their Situation or be sent abroad.

I have sent to you already Copies of the Lists I have received from the Admty of the Ships at home and abroad, and shall send you the Numbers of the Seamen in the Ships in Ordinary, as they are called as soon as I can get 'em from the Navy Office. I was thinking to have digested these Lists into an Alphabetical Order, but I don't see how that will do you any Service, because it will Mix the Ships at home with those abroad & to give them trouble to find out when you have served those at home, wch therefore I think are better in one view as the admty have sent 'em. And the Comm.rs of the Royal Yards seem to be the properest persons to send each parcel to, for the King's Ships will generally Lie at one or other of the Yards.

I shall therefore Subjoyn a List of the Comm.rs to whom they may be directed from time to time and am —

Sr Your humble Servt.
H. C.

I have Subjoined a Copy of Mr Corbett's last Letter whose Instructions you will follow

Comm.rs for Chatham & Sheerness . . . } Tho. Hempsthorn Esq.r Comm.r of his Majestys Yard at Chatham —
Portsmouth . . Sr Isaac Townsend.
Plymouth . . . Francis Dove Esq.r Comm.r of his Maj.ties Yard there
Deptford . . . . Mr. Beverley Clerk of the Cheque at his Majs Yard at Deptford.
Woolwich . . . . Mr. Wiseman Clerk of the Cheque at his Majs Yard there

Pray write in the Blank Columns of your Lists when and to whom Parcels are sent, and the Number of Books sent, if different from the Number of Men

To His Grace of Canterbury
at Croydon Ho: Surrey.

Medalls Duple
9. Aug. 1723.

My Lord.

The inclos'd Extract being on a Subject Your Grace has been very solicitous to purchase a good Copy, I have taken the Liberty to cover a Copy of it.

I have wrote to the Bp. of Bristol at Oxford and Dr. Knapp at Cambridge for Copies of the Contracts between the Universities the King's Printer and the Stationers Company, but have not yet been favoured with them to the Society's considering of Measures for obtaining more correct Editions of the Bible: when I receive them, the Society will be glad to have Your Grace's Approbation of any Scheme which may be thought proper for accomplishing what is Aimed at.

I presume Mr. Chamberlayne has informed Your Grace of his having waited on the Bp. of London about the Proselite affair, and that his Lop. is disposed to do any thing in his power to accommodate it, though I fear what Your Grace suggested, that there will be no Quiet till things return to their old Channel, the French Committee who are best able to judge of French Vagabonds, or those that leave France for other Reasons than for the sake of Religion.

I am

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most Obedient

Humble Serv!

H: C.

To S.r Jacob Acworth 38
at y.e Navy Office in
Crutched Fryars

Mid: Temple
12: Aug. 1723.

S.r I ~~am~~ thank you for your favour of the 26.th of last Month, and the acc.t enclosed in it; But must request y.r further favour to explain the last Article of it in those words

Workmen belonging to the Yards, & Seamen } 4410.
to the Ordinary in the 6. Yards Total }

what I want to know is what number of there are Workmen & what are Seamen.

The reason of my giving you this trouble is that there are ~~not~~ Books provided for somewhat above 10. thousand according to a rough estimate rec.d from the Admiralty ~~which did not include the provision for~~ the Officers & Workmen, but when ~~those that are Seamen~~ Sailors are provided for what remains will be I suppose properly ~~Yards~~ Clerks & among the Workmen who I find were not ~~thereby~~ intended to be comprized in the Distribution. ~~The~~

or The ~~Estimate~~ Lists from the Admiralty of Officers & Sailors at home & abroad in the King's Service amount to } 8357.

~~And~~ The Estimate of Officers &c.a in the Yards under the direction of the Navy Board } 5240

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w.ch is above 3. thousand more than there are Books for, and it is wish'd that room might be made for Greenwich Hospital. I am

S.r Y.r most obed.t Humble Servant

To Wm Melmoth Esq.
in Line. Jno.

Mid. Temple
14. Aug. 1723.

S^r The Society are concern'd to hear that the Charity School at Brentford is much declin'd & that ~~this it is to believe~~ this is in owning to the ill conduct of the present or a late Master wherein they desire you would be pleas'd to inform your self and if the ~~in-~~ information be made as you may to write I will wait on you at your Chambers for your answer as ~~shall seem~~ meet

S^r

Your most Obed. humble Serv^t

To S^r Jacob Ackworth
Comm^r of the Navy in
Crutched Fryars

Middle Temple
21. Aug^t 1723.

Hon^d Sir,

When it is with your Convenience I should be glad to be favour'd with your Instructions in Answer to my last: And at the same time to receive a short Circular Letter from Mr. Percival to the principal Officers of each Yard, recommending the Distribution of the Books to their care according to his Majesty's Intention when they shall receive them from Mr. Joseph Downing Bookseller who will convey them to each place (Carriage paid)

Such a Letter will be more Acceptable as well as have more Authority by being wrote by your Secry, for which Reason this trouble is given by

Sir Your most Obed. humble Serv^t

H. C.

To the A. Bp of Cant.
at Lambeth

Mid. Temple
21. Aug. 1723

May Lad

This I believe the author of the Sermon herewith sent presents your Grace with a Copy.

yet I think it my Duty to send a Duplicate of it on the Score of the Acct. wch follows it.

I was oblig'd t'other day when I had the honour of waiting on Yr. Grace to conceal my having any hand in the Letter Dictating the Design of Charity Schools in the London Journal of the 20th. of last Month, because it was a Secret to the Gent. I sent wch for some reasons ought not was not to be known then. I am glad if it has Yr. Grace's approbation.

I receiv'd Yr. Grace's Letter of the 17th. inst. & communicated it to the Society, who are very thankfully for the advice of it, & the concern Yr. Grace expresses for a correct Edit. of the Bible, when their Thoughts on that Head are ripen'd to a Degree fit to be laid before Yr. Grace, they will be humbly submitted to Yr. Approbation. *

I am My Lord
Yr. Grace's

* I am glad to tell Yr. Grace that the College at Copenhagen are come to a Resolution to send this year three Missionaries to India, with Recommendations from Prof. Franck & hope ere long to be able to acq. Yr. Grace.

I lately rec'd a Letter from Col. Kane by wch he is compell'd to fight over the

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D. Bathe again with the Minorca Clergy again, the Court of Rome having found means to engage the Court of Vienna to interest it self in the quarrel as they had done the Court of Spain before. Don Emanuel is so sick of their conduct, that I believe he would be content never to see his Brother Minorca again, & to resign all his pretentions to Arrean Vicar General of the Island & diocese of Valentia for the pleasure of enduring his days in England if he could be secure only of the King's Person which he has had hitherto. only that which he has had to him.

I am very D.

To Henry Hoare Esqr at Wells —

Middle Temple 22. Augt. 1723.

Sir,

The enclosd Extract was communicated to the Counce last Tuesday, but they were unwilleing to take any Steps in pursuance of his Grace's Advice till You and your friend had been consulted. His Grace knows nothing yet of any Design of carrying on Impressions of the Bible independant of the King's Printer, because that is to be a Secret till it is ripend, if you and your frd persist in it. I believe the Shortest Way would be to get an Act of Parliament for a Term of Years to authorise a Number of responsible Persons to print the Bible and Common Prayer Book for the Benefit of Charity Schools and poor House keepers and a farthing in the Price of each Bible and Common Pray. Book advanced will more than reimburse the Charge of a Bible; and a Small Fund comparatively will suffice for carrying on 2 or 3 Impressions not exceeding one Octavo —

Yours

I beg your Gr. may be desir'd to preserve carefully the Quis of papers sent to him through Mr. Fox's hands, because of some of them I have no other Copies.

Soon I don't well understand the latter part of his Grace's Lre unless he offers it as a Proposition made by Mr. Basket himself, for I don't remember that my Lre gives him any hands to speak as he does: perhaps you will find a meaning to it. Mr. Basket I believe is sensible there is a Rod in Pisa for him, but he does not knows from what Quarter it may come except our Society, and therefore takes care to promise fair things to His Grace to prevent anything taking effect to his Detriment i.e. to hinder his impairing on the publick.

I shall be glad of a Line from you on this head if you think fit, being

Sir, Your most humble Sero!

W: C.

I have heard nothing yet from either of the Universities.

To the Lord Bishop of London

Middle Temple.
24. Aug.t 1723.

My Lord

I receiv'd the Packet herewith sent by last Post from Col. Drysdale at Virginia, the contents of which I thought might be acceptable to Your Lordship to know, as that Colony is become part of Your Lordship's Diocese.

There is a Ship going to that part of the World in about a Week's time, if Your Lordp. has any Commands either to Col. Drysdale or Mr. Blair, I am sure they will be as pleas'd to receive them as I shall be to convey them. I am

My Lord Your most Obed.t &c.

To the Right Revd.
the Lord Bp of London

Mid. Temple
31. Aug. 1723.

My Lord

The enclosed draught of a Memorial is ~~what~~ submitted to yr. Lordships approbation. The tradition I have of the Origine of this charity, is that it was upon a representation of the English Mins. at the Court of Turin to the late Queen Mary, wch I believe was Lord Galloway but not being certain of that, I have avoided ~~said it~~ taking ~~only~~ notice of it in General. If the Treasury are desirous to know the origine they can find it from Corr. and Accts of wch other people must pay for taking it. their own books. Nor have I taken notice of the arrears wch I believe are now 2. or 3. years, because if what is desired be granted, they will of course be paid to yr. Lordships order & serve as a Fund for building a Schoolhouse and other charges attending. ~~And~~ for this wch reason I have ~~also inserted~~ said one or more Schools instead of one or more Schoolmasters that it ~~the application~~ may be entirely in yr. Lordships disposal. ~~I am~~ My L. I recd yesterday a Letter from Mr. Galpine Mins. of Port Royal at Jamaica ~~dated 18th of June with these words.~~ ~~If my Sermon be printed I beg you would order a Copy or two to be sent to the~~ with 2. or 3. Copies of the Sermon he writes sent one of wch he desires may be presented to yr. Lordship with his most humble Duty. He mentions also a Letter for yr. Ld. but I recd none.

I am My Lord

If yr. Ld can spare Col. Drysdale's Petition I shall be glad to ~~have it~~ to send to some other friends.

A Memorial concerning the Pension of Sixty pounds p Annum granted by the Crown in favour of the Protestants of Piedmont

The Bishops of London for several years past have been entrusted by his Majesty and his Royal Predecessors with the Application of a Pension of Sixty pounds p Annum towards the Support of two young Men from the Valleys of Piedmont at the University of Cambridge, in Order to Qualify them for the Service of the Protestant Churches in those parts, where the Popish Clergy have obtained an Order that only Natives shall be permitted to Officiate as Ministers among the Protestants.

In the Execution of this Trust, the Bishops of London have with Difficulty found young Gentlemen qualify'd to accept of his Majesty's Bounty for this Service.

When such have been found and they have finish'd their Studies at Cambridge, there has been either no Vacancy in the Churches of Piedmont to receive them as Ministers, or they have gone to Geneva, and prefer'd a Settlement there to going where Persecution was to be expected.

The Protestants of those Countries are for the most part constrained to send their Children to be educated for the Ministry in places nearer to them, by reason of the great Charge that attends their Travelling to and from London.

Upon all which Accounts, it is Submitted to Consideration whether it would not be more for the Service of Religion, as well as better Answer the pious Design of the Royal Bounty to transfer it from the Use it is now put, to support one or more Schools in his Majesty's Island of Minorca, as the Bishop of London for the time being shall direct

Some

Some Foundation for a Religious Education and for preventing His Majesty's Protestant Subjects in that Island going over to the Church of Rome, is not only earnestly desir'd by the present Governour of it, but seems absolutely necessary considering the great Number of Popish Clergy residing there, and that his Majesty's Troops who make the greatest part of the Protestant Inhabitants of Minorca are not in a Condition to invite or support Protestant Schoolmasters to instruct their Children: And there is reason to believe that if once due Encouragem.t were given to such a Foundation, many of the Natives would send their Children to be instructed, who of Course would embrace our Religion, and their Allegiance to the British Crown, to ~~the~~ better depended on.

31. Aug.t 1723.

To ~~the~~ Rev.d D.r Lisle.
at Croydon.

Mr. Temple
3. Sep.t 1723.

Rev.d S.r

You will excuse the freedom ~~I take to write to you~~ that is taken to desire y.r Company next Tuesday morn. at S.t Dunstan's Coffee-ho. ~~at~~ by eleven in the forenoon if it can consist with y.r convenience, when the request is owing to the great esteem the Society have of y.r prudence & judgm.t to advice them in the arabick affair.

M.r Negri & M.r Padichi have this Morn. given in their terms on w.ch they are willing to serve the Society in the Copying & correcting parts. The M.r Negri former asks 4. Guineas a Month for his attendance about 8. months past in Supervising the Engravers of the Punchions for y.e new Font of Types, & that he is paid at the rate of £50 p.r Ann. his Pension from the Govern.t (for wch a Warr.t is already ~~ordered~~ returnd from Hanover)

~~take place~~ he will then serve the Society both in copying & correcting work gratis.

Mr. Dadichi says he cannot make a Judgmt of the Labour wch his assistance in Reading the Pss may require ~~of him~~, till he has made a trial because if he must quit his present lodgings and the Scholars he now daily attends, much he shall lose so much of the present advantage he now has, & therefore he leaves it to the Society to give him what they shall think his Service may be worth.

This is the Substance of both their proposals upon which the Comittee would be obliged to you for yr. thoughts, and whether it would not be advisable to employ them, rather at so much a sheet than at so much by the week or month; ~~or how~~.

The Halifax & Duke of Cambridge are lately arrived from Turkey if you have any advice by them from our Fd at Aleppo about the Price of the N. Test. you will be so kind as to communicate it. I am &c. &c. &c.

To Whitlock Bulstrode Esq.
in Hatton Gardon.

Middle Temple
4 Sept: 1723.

Sir,

The Society are concern'd to hear that the Christ's School at Bromsgrove is much declined, and that this is in some Measure owing to the ill conduct of the present or a late Master, distinguished by his Disaffection to the Government, wherein they desire you would at your Leisure be pleased to inform Yourself and them.

I don't forget your commands about subscriptions but have hitherto had no success, and doubt the language the Book is in will make it impracticable for the publisher to proceed by way of Subscriptions.

I have endeavoured to get an English Copy at the Booksellers you recommended, but can meet with none there or elsewhere as yet. I am with great Respect

Sir Your most Obed. &c.

To Bryan Blundell Esq.
at Liverpool

Middle Temple
5. Sept. 1720.

Sir.

In your Letter of 22 April last, you inform'd the Society of a very Successful beginning that you had made in Educating your Charity Children by Spinning of Cotton, & that you intended to do the like by your Boys when they were admitted upon the Foundation. You favour'd me with the particulars of your Progress in this matter in such a manner that if you don't object to it, and the Society approve of it it may be printed and recommended to be practiced in other places with some Instances of the like Nature which I am furnish'd with or am promis'd.

I shall be glad to know also whether you have yet obtained your Charter, and if not, where it sticks.

I hope you received safe of 30 May last. The Letter you favour me with in answer to that I desire may make the Obligation be mine.

Sir Your most humble
Servant

To Samuel Pepys Esq.r 48
Secry to the Hon.ble Com.rs
of his Majesty's Navy &c.

Mid. Temple
6. Sep.r 1723.

Sr

Since the Severnham is paid off, and the Men dispers'd, if ~~the Hon.ble~~ W.m Wiseman bestows a Vessel on the next Ship of that or any other Rate that shall be put in Commission it may as well answer the ~~Royal Intention~~ King's Gracious Design ~~from Intention of his Majesty~~, in ordering the Books to be distributed. W.m Downing the Book-seller having packd them up according to a List he recd from the Admiralty could not alter the direction of them without making a fraction in his Accts and deviating from the first instructions he had recd. ~~If you please to signify this to me, but I thought he was not at liberty to do,~~ but ~~either~~ W.m Wiseman, ~~may find the Severnham's~~ Crew are ~~no more in being~~ dispersed ~~dispersed~~ ~~as the Severnham's Crew are no more in Being~~, that the books intended for them may ~~very safely be left to his discretion~~ but ~~as Wiseman has~~ none of those that affect W.m Wiseman ~~& the Severnham's Crew are upon board~~, he ~~no more~~ if you please to signify by a line to me ~~to leave them to me~~ when & ~~in~~ what City he gives them I will take ~~Direction thereon~~ but then ~~will be~~ care a Messenger ~~be made~~ of the reason why they were not distributed on board y.e Severnham.

I am
S.r Yr. most obed.t
humble Serv.t

W.m Burdet being gone out of Town I have consulted W.m Corbett upon this application of y.r packet & he thinks it will do very well. I am

P. S.

If W. Wise was pleased to signify ~~to me~~ by a line directed to me here where and to what Ship the packet is given I will take care ~~part~~ he shall be discharg'd of it in ~~the~~ proper place.

To the Reverend
Mr. Fox Minr.
of Potterne near the Devizes
Wilts —

Middle Temple
19. Septr. 1723

Reverend Sir

I receiv'd your Lre of the 11th Curt. and communicated it to the Comee. last Tuesday. The Affair of mending the Impression of the Bibles in Comon Use, requires a good deal of Consideration. 'Tis easier to describe the Evil than to propose a wise Remedy. Laying the Priviledge too open would be attended with more ill Consequences perhaps, than having it too confin'd than it is now. As narrowly as Mr. B—— watches the Importation of Dutch Bibles 'tis full of faults, there are Thousands of 'em every year brought in, but there would be no Fence against any Number they please to send, if the priviledge were to extend to every Bishop. The Universities would think themselves affronted to have the Archbps. added to them as Cheques, and I believe neither of their Graces would care to be complemented with such a Trust for Reasons very obvious. The most natural way is to persuade or compell those that are possessed of the priviledge to make a right use of it. I have little hopes of Success by persuasive means, because the Universities never made so much of their priviledge as they do now, the King's Printers and Stationers being always too sharp for 'em notwithstanding a Drawback is allowed to the Universities upon the Duty.

Duty on paper to encourage Impressions there. And beside the Universities seem to have put any Redress out of their Power till their present Leases expire. Compulsory means seems most likely to succeed, and they must be by Act of Parliament. You will say what shall that Act require. The Answer to this is what the Society very much depend on Mr. Hoare's Pr. to Advise in after what has been suggested from time to time by yourself and Mr. Hoare at their desire. But if I might humbly offer my Thoughts, the Act should among other things require that from and after the Expiration of the present Leases of the Universities respectively, their Priviledges be never Leasable to the same persons or the same Bodies of Men, or rather not Leasable at all ~~to prevent all Monopoly of the Impression~~. That if it should happen that those persons or Bodies of Men should Unite their Interests (as the King's Printers and Stationers now do) the priviledge derived by any Lease from either University should become Void. That the King's Printer or Printers at Edinburgh be allowed to vend Bibles and Common Prayer Books in So. Britain as those in London do in No. Britain. That it shall and may be Lawfull for the Govern.rs of the Queen's Bounty to authorize any person or persons (the King's and University Printers excepted) under such limitations as they shall think proper for a Term of years not exceeding Twenty one to carry on Impressions of the Bible and Common Prayer Book &c. from such Copies only as shall be approved by a Majority of the Bench of ~~Bishops~~ Bishops, or by the two Archbps. declar'd under their hands. That every Printer deviating from those Copies which shall be declared Authentick, shall forfeit ten pounds for every Word and Twenty Shill.s for every Letter; One half to the Prosecutor and the other to the poor to be laid out and distributed in Bibles as the Governors of the Queen's Bounty shall direct. That where the Printer or Printers of faulty Editions of the Bible cannot be come at by process of Law the such Copies of Faulty Editions be confiscated, and applyed to such use as the Govern.rs of the Queen's Bounty shall direct &c.a I know it will be Objected to these Hints and other that might be made that they invade private property, but when it is consider'd how that private property arose and how much they that make the Objection have invaded the properties of the

Publick hitherto, it may be thought but a reasonable Reprizal in behalf of the publick for those Invasions to prevent em for the future. I know a Printer that offer'd Mr. Basket 6d. for every Bible he should print for his Privilege, and I believe Mr. B— would have been content with that if he could have let out his Privilege on that Condition without forfeiting it. I mention this only to shew what gain is made by the Exactions of these people on the Publick. I don't know but I have mentioned some of these things to you before and if I have you will accept them thus Indigested as they are offered, and communicate what you think fit of them to Mr. Hoare's friend. Dr. John Philipps and the rest of your Frs. here return their Service as does in every particular manner

Your most humble Servt.

Revd Sir

My humble Service to Mr. Hoare and his friend in this affair.
The trab. N: Pehir come from Aleppo.

H. N.

No doubt Mr. Basket rightly judges that he should forfeit his Patent if he let out the Privileges of it: And yet the Univ. Stock have done the same thing; depending on their power and influence to screen them from harm, when ever their Oppressions come to be laid open in Parliam.t The present Vice Chancell. of Camb. has assured me, if he has any power in the University when their Lease with the Stationers expire their Privileges shall never be so prostituted, and therefore I dare say he would be pleas'd to see their hands tyed up, before the Lease expires which if I mistake not is next Xtmas come 3 years

Yours

To His Grace the
Archbp. of Cant.

Middle Temple
21. Sept. 1723

My Lord,

I had the Honour of Your Grace's Letter of the 18. Curr.t and immediately took Care to make the Enquiry Your Grace desir'd by proper persons whose Answer is enclosed and if it be required they are ready to make Oath to the Truth of their Information.

Perhaps Your Grace may make this a handle once more to urge the Issuing of a Proclamation so long desir'd. My Lord

My Lord,

At the last Meeting of our Society there was communicated a Letter from the worthy Mr. Sherman at Aleppo on the Subject of the Arabick Inscriptions, an Extract of which I was ordered to send to your Grace, and is accordingly herewith sent.

'Tis time now for the Society to think of reviving their Application for his Majesty's Bounty to the Arab. Inscriptions, wherein they will be glad to be advised by your Grace, whether to begin while the King is abroad, or to stay till his Majesty's Return. It will likewise be a great Satisfaction to the Society if your Grace is pleased to begin the Application for favouring a Work you have so much at heart, the Labour of Soliciting, which always attends things of this Nature will fall to those whom the Society from time to time shall direct.

I am with all possible Respect

My Lord Your Graces

Most Obed.t &c.a

The Marquis Duquesne was sworn the
15. of July at Port Royal in Jamaica
in the Command of which Co is now happily fixed, and in one of his
Last Letters to me desires that his Duty and Service may be made acceptable to
Your Grace.

To His Grace L.d Arch.p of Cant.

Mid. Temple
1.st Oct.r 1723.

My Lord

In obedience to yr. ~~Orders~~ Grace's Message of last Wednesday I immediately gave notice to the Gent. to attend W.m Delafaye but ~~a material part of their Evidence~~ when ~~they came~~ ~~down~~ their Information came to be drawn up in form it was found that they had omitted so material a circumstance as to take the names of the ~~persons~~ parties concern'd and to observe them so well in their Disguises as to be

to be able to swear they were the persons
for which reason they have been attending
the Stage every night since to inform them-
selves so as to be able fully to
make good the information laid before yr. Grace.
It seems the Doll has been kept up in one place
or other ever since so that I hear they attended
last night, and as soon as they have collect-
-ed all the materials they expect, they will
be reduced into form and carry'd
to M^r. Delafaye. It is a great pleasure
to those who are concern'd to find yr.
Grace in hearing testimony ag^st these
undermines of all Religion & Morality
to find yr. Grace so ready to interpose
yr. authority for the suppression of their
Endeavours to spread effectual for
suppressing them.

I am My Lord
yr. Grace's
most obliged
humble Servant

To the Rev^d M^r. Ric. Wilson
at Leeds

Mid. Temple
3. Oct^r. 1723.

Rev^d S^r.

M^r. Hoare upon his return
from Wiltsh. where he has been for ab^t. 6. weeks
past found yr. very kind Letter of the 26. of Aug^t
accompany'd with a Bill of Exch^a for 5:5:4. drawn
by you to be apply'd towards promoting
the designs of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowl-
-edge at home and abroad.

The Society at their

their last meeting were made acquainted with it, and have order'd me to desire you would accept their Thanks for your favour towards their undertakings, and that since you have been pleas'd to intimate your desire that part of y^r. Benefaction be apply'd to the Danish Mission in the East Indies, they have agreed to apply half of it to that Fund and the other half to their Designs in general, w^ch will include the Impression of the New Testam^t. & Psalter in Arabick for the poor Christians in Palestine, not less a Design which I dare say you will, greatly approve of.

W^m. Hoare sends his humble Service to you and I beg you to be assured that I am Rev^d. S^r. Y^r. most humble

For D^r. Gibbons
in Covent Garden

Mid. Temple
12. Oct. 1723.

S^r.

I thank you for the favour of perusing the Acco^t. of Mahometism. I kept it the longer that I might consult a Learned Syrian about it. abt. the Genuineness of it, and he read several Chapters, and particularly the Mohometan Confession of Faith, he believes 'tis genuine, the figures of Speech and the Ridiculous Allusions they have often from the Jewish and Heathen Fables, very ridiculously put together, of the author being altogether agreable to the Mahometan taste, but [illegible]

But it falls infinitely short of
illustrate the Beauty and Majesty of
the Holy Scriptures which this Account
intended to make
recitals be so, though
cute short of
cond of the Original
best known
for divine worship wherever there were true ones.
The Jewish Religion mixed with Paga-
nism makes good Mahometanism, & Christianity
mixed with Paganism makes good Popery.
Truth
but light & Truth will in the end triumph
over darkness & Error,
most deserving men.

I acquainted yr that the Psalter
in Arabick was come, and am glad now to inform yr
that the New Testamt in Arabick is also
come from Aleppo, and no time will be lost
to put them in the Press & Benefactions came
in to enable the Undertakers to print them.

I am
Hon.d S.r
Your &c.

To W.m Johnston Esq.
at the White Lamb in
Watling Street.

Lincs Temple
9. Oct.r 1723.

Dear S.r W.m Mayo yesterday communicated
to the Society yr notification of the late worthy
W.m Emmand's Legacy to the Society of one hund.d
pounds and Mrs Emmands kind intention of continuing
her late husbands Subscription, upon wch I was ordered
to desire yr would give the thanks of the Society to that
good

good Lady, with whom they heartily condole
for the loss she and the publick have in the
Death of M^r. Forsans whose heart was while living
continually employ'd ~~while living~~ in devising
liberal things, for which God was pleas'd to
bless him with an ample fortune in this world
& he is now ~~undoubtedly~~ reaping the fruits of
his abundant labours in a better world, to which in God's
good time I hope we shall all be gather'd
if life ~~&~~ we are never weary in well doing.

I should be glad to enjoy an hour with
you when you come this way being

Dear S^r. Y^r. most humble Serv^t.

To the Rev^d. M^r. Fox at Potterne

Mid. Temple
8. Oct^r. 1723.

Rev^d. S^r.

The MS. herewith return'd has been
perused ~~by~~ according to the Rules of the Society
by four Members, who ~~were~~ all agreed with
you that something on so great a subject
deserv'd a place in their Society packet, but they
~~of them~~ objected to the thought the manner of treating
it in the MS. as not
~~in the MS. suitable to the dignity of the~~
~~subject~~ ~~in the style of the present age~~ though ~~they were all dispos'd to approve~~
their esteem for the Judgm^t. of the Person who
recommended it ~~had prevailed~~ dispos'd them
to think as favourably of every defect as they
could. You know how difficult it is to prevail
with Gent. to peruse MS. for which reason it has been
longer under consideration before you ~~had~~

S.r ~~of the Lett~~ could have this signify'd to you by
the Society themselves, Rev.d S.r
much oblig'd to you for communicating
to them what has past you in many Conv.ns to transmit, & desire you would
accept their thanks for it.

To Mr Solomon Negri in Red Lyon Street
Clerkenwell

Middle Temple
9 Octob.r 1723.

S.r

I forgot to acquaint you Yesterday that y.e Society
desire you would return y.e Sett of P.t Polyglott into their store Room
where they may be ready to be consulted upon any occasion. y.e Beaver
has orders to receive them of you. when you come this way I shall be glad
to see you being

Sir your most humble Serv.t

A. Newman

To Bryan Blundell Esq.r
at Leverpoole Lancash.r

Middle Temple
10.th Oct.r 1723.

Sir,

I thank you for your Lre of the 16.th of last Month
and give you the trouble of this only to acquaint you that
your Bill of £7:10:- was rec.d and paid in due time but
as I had indors.d it to our Society's Messenger and he had p.d it
to the proper person Mr. Tillard who is Treas.r for that
Branch of y.e Society's Designs with relates to parkell I did
not know when I wrote last to you that it was receiv'd but
now Mr. Tillard sends An Acco.t of the Rec.t of it in July last
and that it is applyed as follows Viz.t

	£	s	d
For an old Arr.t		3	6
Packt p.d 24.th May	6	17	3
Box & Port.r for D.o		3	3
Overp.d	£	6	-
	£	7	10

I am Sir Your most humble Serv.t

To Mr. Hitchman
at ye Leg Tavern

Middle Temple
15 Oct. 1723.

S.r The Comittee having this day considerd Mr. Marmaduke Pennell's Service to the Society in his late Voyage to Delagoa, have agreed to desire that you would pay him Eight pounds one shilling and eight pence ~~which will be received from the late Revd Mr.~~ ~~being 2/3 of the Society's Proportion of~~ 50. ~~due~~ to compile at ye Service ending at his ~~for~~ ~~Last~~ for 20. Months end Arrival being 2/3 of 50. ~~for 30 Months~~ ~~which 50. for 30 Months by last Period~~ last so kind as to pay the other third viz.

~~16:13:4~~ I am S.r Yr. most humble Servt.
H. N.

Mr. Hunte Advanced 25:5:-
to be paid now . . 8:1:8
33:6:8

My Ld. Percival's . 16:13:4
this . . . 50:-:-

Middle Temple
15. Oct. 1723.

To the Revd Mr. Abram Moore
at Norwich

Revd Sr.

I thank you for your kind Letter of the 11th Curr.t and having this day acquainted the Soc. with the Character you therein give of the Revd Mr. Saunderson I am ordd. to desire you would get his consent to be a Correspond. Member in order to his being proposd and chosn at their next General Meeting. You

You tell me that the endeavours used to get the Queen's Bounty for him have not succeeded, but dont inform me where it sticks. If Interest with the Govern. be wanting Mr Chamberlayne who is their Secry has promis'd me to serve Mr Jamesfort, if Money be wanting, I believe I can put him in a way to get one hundred pound towards the 200. £ required for the Queen's Bounty.

You say he has 2. Curacies that don't exceed 30. £ p Annum but it may be the Value of the Livings are much more so as to be above being qualified for an augmentation, all which you will put in such a Light as to enable me to serve so good a Man as Mr Jamesfort. Please to give him my humble service and be assured that I am

Rev.d Sr

Your most humble Servt.

My humble Service
to Mr. Avenant.

To John Barbot Esq.

M.T. 16. Oct. 1723.

Sr. ~~That~~ the Revd
Mr. Mayo inform'd the Society ~~that~~
that you had lately printed a ~~Book~~ hundred
Bible abridged which you were disposd to sell at
the same price in Quire ~~as~~ charity be
usd as the Common Mohmad was sold
at viz. 1.9.[d] upon wch I was directed
to get a Copy of each Bible agr. their
next meeting and if you please to let
the Beaver have one he will pay for it
& get it bound, or if you will direct the
Beaver to a Bookseller for such a Bible as is meant
by the Book you propose to sell at that price
he will

he will buy one. I wait yr ~~direction~~ appointm.t for receiving W.m Price's ~~the~~ 35. Welch Bibles and paying the remainder of the money for them, being S.r yr most humble Serv.t S.r I should be oblig'd to you if you would leave directions with yr Son, or the warehouse keeper to deliver the Bibles because I cannot write any more to W.m Price till I have receiv'd them having said in my last that you had promis'd they shd be delivered in a few days.

To the R.t Hon.ble the
L.d Bish.p Peri[illegible]

Mid.d Temple
19.th Oct.r 1723.

My Lord I have found so much benefit by ~~eating fruit taking~~ an orange ~~clip~~ now and then ~~instead of Coffee or Tea~~ in the day, ~~or drinking Coffee or Tea~~ and riding 2. or 3. times a week, that yr Lordship will forgive me if I presume ~~so far~~ to recommend them in any Case where a Sharpness in the Blood ~~may~~ prevails over all other humours. ~~No doubt my Lady has~~ And if can be taken at the same time to refrain all liquors especially Tea ~~which~~ tending to ~~encourage the Leaven part of~~ white wine ~~& very bitter~~ clenish such a humour in the Blood, I am perswaded they that will make the Experiment will at last not repent it if they don't find great benefit deriv'd. I need say nothing in praise of Milk I own it is what I breakfast on every day

day in the year, and I believe it contributes very much to preserve that health wch I thank God I enjoy with less interruption than in the former part of my life. I am My Lord Yr most obliged humble Servt

W. T.

And though it is objected to as not agreeing with some Constitutions, I believe there is none but what may by degrees be reconcil'd to it, by diluting it w.th water, adding Sugar, or Chocolate or French Brandy which I have found to make it palatable. the high Wine is always Boild.

My Lord I hope this will not be construed as a presumption, as an acct. of my own experience, humbly submitted to your consideration whether it may be worthy of my Lady's knowledge, from

My Lord Yr. Obl. most obliged

To the Revd. Mr. King
at Topsham
Revd Sr.

Wm. Temple
19. Octr. 1723

Mr. Howe acqtd the Society at their last meeting that he had recd from you 44:9:- as Benefactions to their Designs viz. 43:8:- for the Arabick Psalter & Testamt. of wch

W. S. had contributed	40:-:-
The Revd. Mr. Comyeare	10:6
Mr. John Shapleigh Esqr.	10:6
The Revd. Mr. Osborne collected	2:7:-
And Mr. Salter to the designs of the Society in Genll.	43:8:-
	1:1:-
	44:9:-

Upon wch I am ordered to desire you would give the Benefactors the thanks of the Society, & that you would be pleased to accept their thanks for your own good offices on this and all other occasions in promoting

Mr. Pennell is returning to Pensylvania & desires to know if the Society have any commands for him. He has been very diligent & industrious in the Service of the Society, & I believe it to be their interest to encourage him.

To W. Negri

Mid. Temple
23d. Oct.r 1723.

S.r

The Com: being informd that you had return'd the Polyglott, without the Lexicon, they have order'd me to desire you would return that also into their Store to be in the way of being consulted occasionally, one being imperfect without the other; when you will be welcome to inspect it there as you may have occasion.

I am S.r &c.

To the R.t Hon.ble
L.d Viscount Perival
at Charlton.

Mid. Temple
26. Oct. 1723.

My Lord

I just now recd the honour of y.r Lordships Letter of the 24.th Curr.t and am glad of an opportunity to have contrib'd upon in obedience to it (tho' unwillingly) the only occasion upon the Prelate Question now I am very little able to speak to M.r Degullion's project knowing nothing of it but what past in conversation the day I had the honour to wait on y.r L.d at Charlton. I am sorry to tell your Lordship that M.r Carrol has given very much (I esteem that word as a great offense, having been accus'd of it as a great crime by his impugners (to give it no worse name) of which way he was in the eyes of upon Inquiry in this instance was found to be as wide of truth as it could possibly be. When I thus found a person in whom so much confidence was plac'd in conjunction with M.r Clare to remove all difficulties & to prevent the Com.

being impos'd upon, to find what way
I own it shocked me very much that the last
the last if not the only one
one of perhaps only remedy for conducting the
Commission so as to answer the End it should
so much fall short of Expectation. However
was however any
Every body was disposed to suspend their resentment till
I did should return to England and the Model
much of the Articles were made out. I took
I took this Subject at the Board with a Design to have gone upon it
but he has not yet given me an Opportunity to do it. We can only
and the Harmony
My Lord
Conversion and the many instances of
Proselytes Return'd to Popery
in spite of all the
caution that has been taken to prevent it, the
facility there is for importunes to prey
upon incompetent Judges, as most of those
concern'd in the Commission
themselves to be. The ill success of Laws
to guard against Vagabonds coming from
try'd and ineffectual over
even the Royal Bounty to
Frontiers of the Land but not assist the Objects of Charity
being such as worthy
and the daily Diminution will naturally follow if encouragement
the little hopes there
have long indeed to think the difficulties
These considerations
of a Protestant Royal Bounty,
perable, and opinion that if the Govt. of the
Commission don't reign it the Commission will in time
wherein (as was said) certain Treaty execute it self
of the opinion to be by a Letter
had lately from this Grace of Canterbury in Aug. last, wherein he says
I am

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"I am out of all hope of doing any Good in the
"Business of the Proselytes: you may try on a little
"longer, but you will be forc'd to drop it in the
"End. I have Read my Instructions of the Commission have
suspected my taking pains to disgust you but by
this but I am with all My Lord Yr. most obed.t
Humble Serv.t
Lamb.e Lev.t

To the R.t Honble the
Lord Viscount Townsh.d
Lord Lieut.t of Ireland

Dublin Castle
26. Oct.r 1723.

My Lord.

I just now rec.d your Lordp.s Lre of the 24.th Curr.t and own I am very Little able to Speak to Mr. Degultons Project — knowing nothing of it but what past in Conversation the day I had the Honour to wait on your Lordp at Charlton —.

I have avoided taking Notice to your Ldp, because I knew you would hear of it from better hands, that Mr. Carol has by his Imprudence (to give it no worse Name) very much Exposed the Affair that was had of him. One Instance of which was shown in the enclosed Report, which upon Enquiry was found to be as Wide of Truth, as it could possibly be.

When this came from a Person in whom so much Confidence was put, in Conjunction with Mons.r Carter (who it seems was not privy to the Contents of it) to remove all Difficulties, and prevent the Comm.rs being imposed upon, I own it shock'd me very much, to find that one of the best Remedies for conducting the Commission so as to answer the End of it, should so much fail our Expectation. If Mr. Car: had meditated Measures to destroy the Confidence that was had in him as an Examiner, I don't see how he could have done it more Effectually.

But

But every Body was disposd to suspend any Disputes
tell your Lop. should return to England, as a Respect due to
one who had taken so much paines in the Reform that
were made on the first Model

I took this Extract at the Board with a design to reason
Calmly with Mr. Carol upon it, but he has not yet given me
an Opportunity to do it, not having seen him ever since, and
now I dont know whether I ought to desire it.

My Lord,

The many instances of Proselites returnd to Popery
since the Comission was open'd in spite of all the Caution
that has been taken to prevent it; (tho' I own their
Temptations are very great) The facility there is for
Impostures to pass upon incompetent Judges, as most
of those concernd in the Comission acknowledge themselves
to be; The ill Issues of Clubs try'd and ammended over and
over, to guard against Vagabonds who come from abroad
with no Religious View

The Seasons of the Fund even with the Royal Bounty being
such as may amaze and Starve, but not relieve those that depend
upon it, And the Diminutions will Naturally follow these
discouragements have long induced me to think the Difficulties of the
Trust Insuperable; And that if the Govt. of the Comission don't
resign it, the Comission will in time, (as I said of a certain
Treaty) execute it self, in which I shall be glad to be mistaken.
But my Lord Archbp. of Canterbury seems to have the same
Sentiments concerning the Lyes I had the Honour to receive
from his Grace in Aug.t last, wherein he says "I am out of
"all hopes of doing any Good in the Business of the Proselytes:
"You may try on a little longer, but you will be forced to drop
"it in the End.

I am with all possible Respect My Lord Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Hanm. Kelly

My Lord P.1 66

I need not observe to yr. L.p that the dissolution of the Comission will not destroy the Charity, but only retain it to its old Channel, where it will be perhaps more usefull than it is now. And as for that addl Charities they are added to the Royal Bounty they are no inconsiderable question whether they will undermore than bear the necessary charges for supporting the Comition the name of the Thing.

To His Grace the
L.p Abp of Cant.

Mid. Temple
30. Oct. 1723.

My Lord.

Yr. Grace's Letter about the Dutchess land Thing about the Subject of above in Southwark Fair have been communicated to the Govt. who are Solicitous for supporting those endeavours and have given very much animated their Endeavours towds it, the Success of wch yr. Grace will be informd of from the Learned Lords tho' it is very much doubted whether any use can be made of the informations given by reason of the defects of our Laws. or the

My Lord I think it my Duty to acq.t your Grace how the Proselyte Affair stands, and have herewith sent a Copy of 2 Letters I lately

lately rec'd from my L.d Percival
on that Subject & my Answer, by wch 1723
yr. Grace may perceive how it Stands.

I have lately seen a printed Acct. of the
Govern.ts of the ~~French~~ Hospital for the Poor
French Protestants at London and am Surpriz'd to find
therein a long List of French Gent. concern'd
in an undertaking so necessary carry'd to such perfection as
it is in our own Neighbourhd and that not one
of those Gent. who are so capable of it have
vouchsafed to give their Assistance in the
Proselyte design, except Mr. Formive if he be intended by that
name under the Letter I. It looks my L.d
as if all the ~~Brit~~ French Gent. knowing that the
Proselytes are for the most part a clamorous sett of persons
intractable to all discipline, ~~and the other~~ wisely avoided
~~duly desir'd to be excus'd~~ having any
thing to do with them. Or that the Eng.
Gent. of the Comission ~~had such an opinion~~
of their penetration to conduct it without the
Assistance of Foreigners ~~who in that they~~
~~would not invite them to it~~ desird to have
the whole Glory of it to themselves, wherein
I dare say no body will envy them. I am
with the profoundest respect

My Lord Yr. Grace;

most obed.t

My Lord
I am
to the
To the R.t Rev.d
the L.d Bp of
London.

68 Mid. Temple
31. Oct. 1723.

My Lord When I ~~last~~ lately wrote to
on my D.r Carpenter he ~~desired~~ me
he should be glad to know whether
yr. L.p had taken a Resolution ~~to~~
for transfering the Pension
upon that Regent he made ~~in behalf~~
tioned to ye School at
* Minorca.
~~If they remain any~~
~~about the Pension that I can make~~
~~further Enquiries~~, ~~why yr. L.p desires to be~~
I am now writing to Col.
Kane, to whom also it will be ~~a trifling Pleasure~~
~~satisfaction of obliging~~ Commands ~~that he obey~~
~~to know~~ yr. Lordsh.p's ~~Difficulties to~~
~~for me in~~ ~~this~~ pleasure in that
affair further
If there are any Enquiries
to be made for yr. L.p ~~further~~
Satisfaction in the reasonableness of
disposing ~~of~~ it that way, I shall
most readily obey yr. Comands
there in being

My Lord
yr. Lordsh.ps
most obed.

~~Revr Sir~~

To the Revd Mr Jarrett
at Stroud Kent

Middle Temple
31. Octr 1723

Revr Sir,

I laid your Accot of the Workhouse of Stroud before the Society, and they were so pleas'd with it as to put it under Consideration, in Order to resolve what use to make of it, and in the meantime, Order'd me to desire you would as soon as you can send to me the State of the Workhouse refer'd to in the Accot that a more perfect Judgment may be made of it.

Pray be as particular as you can in the Nature of the Work they are employ'd in, and how the profit on their Labour arises, and is apply'd to the Advantage of the Foundation: Whether it goes into a Common Stock, or is distributed among the Labourers as is done at Willesborough. Cum

Revd Sr Your most humble Servt.

To the Rt Honble the
L. Viscount Percival

Monday Evening
to
4. Novr 1723.

My Lord,

I fully intended to have wrote last Night to your Ldp, but an extraordinary Affair prevented me: to acquaint you that Mr Chamberlayne dyed yesterday Morning between 12. & One, of the Diabetes which has hung so long upon him.

My Lord, By his Death the Proselytes are without a Treasurer, and

and whether it will be thought Advisable to choose another or take this Opportunity to resign the Commission is what will be considered at the next Genrac Meeting the 6.th Curr.t when those that attend it will I'm sure be glad to have your Lordship's Sentiments, if they can't have the honour of your Company. Mr. Dequillon came upon me this day and tho' he stayd some time, I had not the happiness of seeing him, but I hope he has wrote to your Ldp to beg your favour in writing, if it can't be had otherwise.

My Lord, I have been advis'd by some of my particular friends to make Interest to Succeed Mr. Chamberlayne as Secry of the Ld.s Bounty, and their good Offices with the Arch Bp. and Bp. of London and others have gone so far that I am put in hopes of Succeeding the Treasurer Mr. Barker, which I own is what I never Aspir'd to, but Mr. Barker being an old Gent.n and desiring leave to exchange the place, the Treasurer for that of Secry, the Govern.t this day agreed to recommend him to the King for the place of Secry, for it is a Lucrative place, and when their Recommendacon of him is accepted that of Treasurer will be vacant, and whether I may by the help of my Friends obtain it, time will shew. The Abp. is very much my friend on this Occasion and in a manner overul'd my declining the place of Treasurer, when I had in a manner absolutely refus'd it.

I won't trouble your Ldp with a further Acco.t of this Occurrence, and had not said thus much, but that I know I have the honour to be in the Number of those your Ldp. vouchsafe to wish well to, and only wish that honour may be always deserv'd by

My L.d Your Ldp.s
most obligd humble Serv.t

My Lord.
I wrote this at a Coffee House and hope you will excuse the Defects of paper and writing.

To the R. Honble
the L. Visc. Percival

Wm. Temple
5. Nov. 1723

My Lord ~~Lind Inviste~~ W. Degallon is now with me and earnestly desires with me that y. Lordship would be pleased to name the Day & hour of the next week when you can honour the Society with y. Comp. and whether the place shall be the Vestry ~~of the 3 Clubs~~ in Spring Garden or S. Pauls Chapter Ho. I mention the latter place because S. Dan. Dolins, W. Tillard, W. Mayo, D. Bray, and others on that side of the Town have complain'd they could not give their Comp. but with great difficulty at y. other place. It being Term time it will be a Summons to morrow, but the Rules have put it in the power of any one Member to call a Gen. Meeting ~~when there is~~ as occasion may require. I believe also submit it to y. L.p whether the occasion of such a meeting should not be named in the Summons that Gent. may confer upon it before they come to y. meeting. W. Degallon sends his most humble Service to y. Lordship & begs

my Lord y. Lordships most ob.

W. Degaldeau has demonstrated to me that above 100. that have been returned as Proselytes are returned to Popery 41. of wch have been put out to Service for their Subsistence.

This my Lord is 100. Argumt. with me that the Judges of their Sincerity are not to competent as they ought.

To the Rt. Honble
the L. Vis. Percival

6. Novr. 1723.

My Lord I was this morn. surpriz'd to receive yr. Ly Letter when I ~~came~~ thought it scarce possible that mine of yesterday sh. have reach'd yr. Hands. ~~I was under subdis=~~
~~=comagent. about the Proselyte affair~~ I had desir'd to be excused attending the Proselyte meeting ~~I could have reason to~~ ~~this day till~~ they could have ~~left~~ the honour of yr. Lordships Company in a full meeting to come to some final determination on that affair, instead of meeting only to dis=tribute 20. or 30. to a few miserable vagabonds. But I shall now go to obey yr. Lordships commands in relation to W. Barrett and wish there may be Comps. enough to agree upon it according to the Rules.

I believe Yr. L.p must have had a Copy of the Rules ~~&c~~ for governing the French Hospital, but for fear you have not I have sent a Copy herewith: ~~Yr L.p~~ Yr L.p will ~~excuse~~ I believe wonder as I did to see such a long List of French Gent. combin'd in promoting so usefull a Charity, and carrying it on like wise men to such perfection, and that we shd not have one of those Gent. so capable of assisting ~~of~~ the Proselyte Soc. except Mr. Fonvive. I desir'd Mr. Degulhon to acct. for it, and he told me Mr. Fonvive was chose among them since he belong'd to the Proselytes, and that the other Gent. being all French Comittee ~~who~~ had ~~all~~ resolv'd to a man not to have any thing to do with the Proselytes so much had their Clamorous Conduct expos'd them to the Resentmt. of the French. Thus My Lord ~~it~~ that Body may easily engross all the wise & Rich French Gent. of the Town and then wheedle with the Proselytes Society, find out ~~Loans~~ that assistance ~~without~~ wch is so necessary to them. This is another argumt that the Proselyte Soc. cannot Subsist but under great difficulties if not insuperable, and their conduct ~~the~~ of those gentlemen is not without some provocation only from the Noisy Proselytes generally intractable to all Rule, and from

I beg leave to Observe to Yr. L.p that in opening of their Fund for the Poor, I wish it may be thought necessary to Observe this very thing with Relation to the Proselyte Gen. in Spitle fields, for I do not know whether it will be proper for the Commissioners to Interfere in the Affairs of a Society who are not Subjects of Gt. Britain, but I own I did wonder that Mr. Degulhon should be so Ignorant as not to know that the Proselytes were not Subjects of Gt. Britain.

Sent on Board the Betty and Sarah William Wilson
master a Sunderland Ship November the 8 1723 p Richd
Parker directed to the Reverand Sr George Wheeler Durrham
12. Entire Suits of Charity Cloaths for Girles, the Shoes 2
p pair advanced since the last Bill at p Suits 1 04
Wrapper at 17.4d

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Sent on bd the Betty and Sarah William
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1723 p Richd Parker directed to the Reverand
Sr George Wheeler at Durham

p Richard Parker
12. Entire Suits of Charity Cloaths for
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To Sr Geo. Wheler
at Durham
Revd Sr

Mid. Temple
9. Novr. 1723.

according to yr. desire the 27th Sept. the
12. Suits of Cloaths are sent as above by
W. Parker who this day gave me the Decr.
of them. I have enquired of W. Barker
when the 200 l. was pd for Holy Island &
he says it is not yet paid. One Mr Steward
W. Chamberlayne dyd last Sunday and W.
Barker is chose Secry in his room, but
who

Who will succeed Mr. Barker as Treasr. is not yet known, nor will be I believe determined till towards Xtmas Mr. Barker in ye meantime supplying both places.

The N. Test. in Arab. is come from Aleppo in as compleat a manner as the Psalter. The Society thank you for your Christian wishes, and beg an interest in your prayers being

Rev.d Sr. Your most humble Servt.

Middle Temple
14. Novr. 1723.

cor Thomas Blunden Esqr at Han

To His Grace the
Ld. Archbp. of Canterbury

My Lord,

I believe your Grace will not be surprized to hear that the Comm.rs for relieving Poor Protestants yesterday agreed to resign their Commission to your Grace, and the other Lords that sign'd it. And have ordered an humble representation of their reasons for so doing to be prepared and the Acct. with their Cash Treasurer to be adjusted, in Order to be laid before your Grace which will be done with all Convenient speed.

I am My Ld. Your Graces &c.

To the Rt Honoble the
L. Visco. Percival
at Charlton

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Middle Temple
the 20. Nov.r 1723.

My Lord,

I should gladly have desir'd to be excus'd the Task the Comm.rs at their last Meeting impos'd on me, but I saw no Body there but your Ldp. who had been a Witness to all the Difficulties of the Commission, and therefore I thought in respect to your Ldp. I ought not to decline it tho' the Performance should be attended with all the Imperfections you will find: Such as it is, it is humbly Submitted to your Ldp's. Correction, and is wrote wide to admit of Amendments.

Mr. Dean Harris sent for me last Sunday to the Princes Chappel to tell me that the Arch Bp. thinks the Comm.rs cannot resign their Comm.n without the Consent of the Majority of the Comm.rs I told him your Ldp. and the rest that attended the last Meeting were of the same Opinion and therefore had agreed solemnly to ask the Consent of every Body that would give it, both present and absent.

I find the Dean is for continuing the Commission in another form, I told him the Comm.rs did not think it became them to advise that, but to leave it to the pleasure of his Grace &c.

I don't wonder if the Arch Bp. be of the same Opinion, because it will ease His Grace of abundance of Applications from Foreign Vagabonds, if I may so call them.

When your Ldp. is pleas'd to return their Draught w.th your Amendments, I will make a Copy for Mr Bulstrode & Mr Blunden &c. of the Cont.ts at last Meeting, that there may be no Occasion for Altercations, when you meet again to Sign it. I am My Lord Your Lordps &c.

I Submit it to your Ldp. whether you will not think it proper to appoint 3. or 4. Persons of Note in the Commission to attend the yielding it upp.

I could.

I could have added a Paragraph about the Envy of the French for taking 500 £ out of their Fund of 15000 £. but then they would not have Sign'd the Representation, and it would have reflected on the Justice of the Grand Cour.t for having consented to it, and indeed we have all reason to wish that Expedient had never been thought of, because it has prov'd the Engine to draw us in to what we are now giving up.

N. B. Sent with this, Mons.r Croiset's Lre to His Ldp. from Oste war Spa. and An Invoice of the Contents of the Box sent this Dy to Spa. 6.th Aug.t 1723.

Thor Rich.d Haynes Esq.r
To be left w.th Mr. Lathmer in
Wine street Bristol

Middle Temple
21. Nov.r 1723.

Dear Sr.

I am making a Collection of as many good Instances of working Charity Schools as I can for the Society to print, in Order to recommend the Imitation of them in other places. I know yours at Bristol is one y.t deserves to be recommended as a good Patern, and therefore I beg you will desire Mr. Wilson, or some person capable of it, to make a short History of it's Foundation, the particulars of its present Managem.t and the Success that attends it; Wherein it is desired the Nature of the Work and the Advantage of it may be particularly set forth. How they get Materials and dispose of the Work when it is done: Number of Children employ'd Bills of Fare, and in Short what ever may give such an Idea of the Thing as one would desire to have that does not see it.

I have another favour to request of you, and that is, that you would recommend some honest Man in your City that sells Bristol Ale at the first hand, who will accept of a Commission to Ship off a Cask of about 6 Doz. Bottles by every Ship going to Jamaica, except there go 2 or 3 at a time, and then to send by one Ship may suffice. When I know the Name of such a one, and how to write to him, I will give him Notice when to begin to send Ale, having just now sent 2 such Casks from hence. He need only to Ship the Ale, and take two Bills of Lading.

Lading, one of wch to be sent to my Fr.d in Jamaica and the other to me with a Bill of parcels of the Charge, which shall be paid to his Correspond.t there at Demand, by

Sir Your most humble Serv.t

Our N. Testam.t in Arabick
and Psalter are come from Aleppo.